APPENDIX B: SAMPLE QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR SUPPLIER

(From Solutions for Lithographic Printers, Question 8.)

This appendix contains questions focused on getting information on chemical hazards of products used in press wash. Modify the questions to suit the chemical products that your company uses.

What questions should I ask my blanket wash supplier?

Your supplier can be a valuable source of information for evaluating both the wash you use now and any substitute wash. Ask your supplier the questions listed below to gain important health and environmental information about the blanket wash you are currently using or a substitute blanket wash you may consider testing.

1. What chemicals are in the blanket wash?

- ► Send me a copy of the MSDS.
- ▶ What chemicals are in this wash that are not listed on the MSDS?

2. Which regulations might be triggered when using this product?

- Are there any HAPs (Hazardous Air Pollutants under the Clean Air Act) in this wash?
- ► How do you suggest I comply with the applicable regulations?

3. What is the volatile organic compound (VOC) content and vapor pressure of the wash?

Tip The lower the VOC

content, the better.

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pressure, the better.

4. What health risks are associated with the use of the blanket wash?

► What types of short-term symptoms, such as dizziness, headache or nausea, might I experience by using these products on a daily basis?

- ► Does this product contain any chemicals with adverse long-term health effects?
- ▶ When using this product on a daily basis, what type of ventilation do I need?

- 5. Do I need to be concerned if workers get this wash on their hands or skin?
- 6. What are the best ways to use the wash to minimize both the health risk and waste generated?
- 7. Do I need to change the way I currently use blanket wash to make this product work best?
- 8. What is the proper method for disposing of the used blanket wash and wipers?
 - Will my used wipers or used blanket wash be considered hazardous waste under RCRA?
 - Once the wash is mixed with other chemicals, such as inks or fountain solutions, what is the proper disposal method?
- 9. Do I need to take any special precautions when laundering used wipers?
- 10. Do any of the chemicals in this product present a risk to aquatic species?